

Answers of R. J. [unclear]
SUMMARY OF STATE ATTORNEY'S RAID ON PANTHER APT ON
Dec 4, 1970, Chicago, Illinois to confiscate illegal
Weapons Cache

Q. What prompted the investigation?

A. There was and is no "investigation". There was an attempt to serve a search warrant for illegal weapons based on reliable information. In fact, illegal weapons and ammunition was recovered.

Q. What violations of the law have the panthers committed in Chicago?

A. Sixteen panthers are under indictment for aggravated battery aggravated kidnapping and kidnapping in the torture of two individuals who lost a panther riot gun. One of these individuals under indictment was Fred Hampton.

[Handwritten mark] Q. Have they as an organization carried out violence in Chicago?

[Handwritten mark] A. Several attacks on Chicago police officers have been made by the Black Panthers within the past several months. Six panthers are under indictment for these offenses. Fred Hampton himself was convicted of robbery which conviction was affirmed last week(?) by the Illinois Supreme Court. He was scheduled to start serving his term in approximately two weeks. Gunfire has emanated on ^{MADISON}~~Monroe~~ Street in the City of Chicago ^{FROM} on numerous occasions injuring various police officers. *PANTHER HEADQUARTERS*

Q. Do you regard them as subversive in the sense of being affiliated with a foreign power:

A. Recent speeches by Hampton and other top leaders of the Panther Party espouse the teachings of Mao Tse Tung, Fidel Castro and other communist revolutionaries. In the search of the premises

which occurred on December 4, 1969, many communist and revolutionist pamphlets and booklets were recovered.

Q. How many raids has our office conducted on panther headquarters and homes this year? How many arrests and convictions?

A. Two-one in conjunction with the GIU unit of the Chicago Police Department and the other pertaining to the aggravated kidnapping referred to previously. *Numerous arrests. all persons arrested are awaiting trial.*

Q. How could our office not have known that Hampton would be there considering that we have had him under investigation?

A. As mentioned previously, Hampton was not under "investigation." Hampton was not under personal surveillance by the State's Attorneys police or any other agency as far as State's Attorneys office knows. Hampton resided in Maywood and Chicago. The Supreme Court of Illinois had released Hampton on bond some time prior to the occurrence based upon Hampton's affidavit that he wanted to conduct a speaking tour in Canada. At that time, he was out on two appeal bonds and a normal bond.

Q. Is the chronology of the Tribune account correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Was the outer door kicked in immediately after a voice inside said, "Just a minute?"

A. No. There ~~was only one~~ ^{was several} two more knocks by Sgt. Groth advising the people on the inside that it was the police at the door and that they had a search warrant for the premises.

Q. Does our office have the deer slug fired through the second

door and could I examine it?

- A. No. The deer slug went through the living room door and the impact point is unknown at this point. It is surmised that it passed two police officers and went outside, *through the outer door.*